

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ALCAZAR STREET (1), FORMERLY LAMBIE STREET ALCAZAR HEADQUARTERS - PARCEL 9 QUITCLAIM DEED - CITY OF LOS ANGELES SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

- 1. Find the grant of a quitclaim deed as described below categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Declare any property interests which may be owned by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, in a portion of Lambie Street, an unimproved City of Los Angeles (City) street right of way (34,794± square feet), no longer required for the purposes of the District. The parcel is located north of Alcazar Street, east of San Pablo Street, in the City of Los Angeles.
- 3. Authorize the quitclaim of the District's property interests, if any, to the underlying fee owner, the University of Southern California (USC), the Grantee, without compensation.

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4. Instruct the Chair to execute the Quitclaim Deed upon presentation by Public Works and authorize its delivery to the Grantee.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will allow the District to accommodate a request by USC to quitclaim any and all property interests the District may have in that portion of the Lambie Street right of way located on real property owned by USC at 1630 San Pablo Street, Los Angeles. They have requested that the District quitclaim its property interests to USC. The District does not believe that it possesses any property interests in or over Lambie Street (and if it did, they would be surplus to its needs), but a Quitclaim Deed will assist USC in an attempt to clearing title to its property without any risk to the District, inasmuch as a Quitclaim Deed includes no warranty of title.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility as it facilitates clearing title on USC's property and eliminates any potential liability to the District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed Quitclaim Deed will be approved by County Counsel prior to being presented to the Board for execution, and it will be recorded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

With respect to the requirements of CEQA, the transaction is categorically exempt, as specified in Class 12 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57, and Section 15312 of the State CEQA Statutes and Guidelines.

<u>IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)</u>

None.

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CONCLUSION

This action is in the District's interest. Upon presentation by Public Works, please have the original and duplicates of the Quitclaim Deed executed by the Chair and acknowledged by the Executive Officer of the Board. At that time, please return the executed original and one duplicate to this office, retaining one duplicate for your files.

One approved copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel